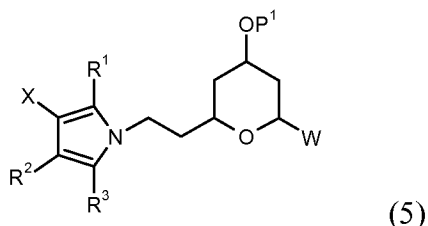


In the claims:

Claims 1-13 (canceled)

14. (currently amended) A compound of formula (5):



wherein

R¹ represents an alkyl group [[, such as a C₁₋₆ alkyl group, and preferably an isopropyl group]];

R² represents an aryl group [[, preferably a phenyl group]];

R³ represents an aryl group [[, preferably a 4-fluorophenyl group]];

X represents a group of formula -COZ, wherein Z represents -OR⁴, in which R⁴ represents an alkyl, [[preferably a methyl or ethyl, group,]] or -NR⁵R⁶, wherein R⁵ and R⁶ each independently represent H, alkyl, or aryl [[, and preferably R⁵ is H and R⁶ is phenyl]];

P¹ represents hydrogen or a protecting group; and

W represents -OP², in which P² represents hydrogen or a protecting group.

15. (canceled)

16. (new) The compound of claim 14, wherein R¹ represents a C₁₋₆ alkyl group.

17. (new) The compound of claim 14, wherein R¹ represents an isopropyl group.

18. (new) The compound of claim 14, wherein R² represents a phenyl group.

19. (new) The compound of claim 14, wherein R³ represents a 4-fluorophenyl group.

20. (new) The compound of claim 14, wherein Z represents -OR⁴, in which R⁴ represents an alkyl.

21. (new) The compound of claim 14, wherein Z represents $-OR^4$, in which R^4 represents a methyl or ethyl group.
22. (new) The compound of claim 14, wherein Z represents $-NR^5R^6$, wherein R^5 and R^6 each independently represent H, alkyl, or aryl.
23. (new) The compound of claim 14, wherein Z represents $-NR^5R^6$, wherein R^5 is H and R^6 is phenyl.
24. (new) The compound of claim 14, wherein R^1 represents a C_{1-6} alkyl group; and R^2 represents a phenyl group.
25. (new) The compound of claim 14, wherein R^1 represents a C_{1-6} alkyl group; R^2 represents a phenyl group; and R^3 represents a 4-fluorophenyl group.
26. (new) The compound of claim 14, wherein R^1 represents a C_{1-6} alkyl group; R^2 represents a phenyl group; R^3 represents a 4-fluorophenyl group; and Z represents $-OR^4$, in which R^4 represents a methyl or ethyl group.
27. (new) The compound of claim 14, wherein R^1 represents a C_{1-6} alkyl group; R^2 represents a phenyl group; R^3 represents a 4-fluorophenyl group; and Z represents $-NR^5R^6$, wherein R^5 is H and R^6 is phenyl.